

HERE AND THERE

Flying Tote

A COMPLETE totalisator weighing approximately 12,000 lb, manufactured entirely in Australia, is to be flown from Sydney to Ohio, U.S.A., for installation on a famous American racecourse. The air transportation is being undertaken by Pan American Airways, and it is believed that this will be the first time such equipment has been delivered by air from manufacturer to customer.

Furniture Removal by Air

TRANS-AUSTRALIA AIRLINES recently assisted two business executives, one in Melbourne (Victoria), and the other in Hobart (Tasmania) to swap both positions and homes. Approximately 3,000 lb of furniture was flown north and an equal amount was taken in the opposite direction. Thus, in one day's operation both men completed the removal and were comfortably installed in each other's homes.

French Interest in Training

THE increasing interest of the French Government in British aviation and training methods is evidenced by the recent visit to Airways Training, Ltd., at Aldermaston, near Reading, of Col. Dumerle, Director of French Civil Flying Training and Assistant to the Director

SOVIET SPORT: Sporting flying in Russia has lately celebrated its 25th anniversary. A UT-2 trainer is seen over the Moscow river port during a commemorative display.

General of French Civil Aviation. Col. Dumerle arrived on June 9th, piloting his own Nord 1100 aircraft. After a detailed inspection of equipment and training technique Col. Dumerle was much impressed by the high standards set. He returned to France on June 12th to report on what he had seen to the Director General.

FIRST THROUGH THE BARRIER: Captain Charles Yeager, wartime fighter pilot, and the first man to travel faster than sound. A test pilot at Muroc, he was selected to fly the Bell XS-1 rocket-propelled research aircraft. To mark Yeager's work he has been awarded the MacKay Trophy.



Nene-Lancastrian and probably a Nene Vampire, will take part through the kindness of the Ministry of Supply and Rolls-Royce, Ltd. The Goodyear Duck amphibian will also perform. The organizers wish to point out that visitors flying to the display must land by 2 p.m., otherwise it will not be possible for them to be accepted on the airfield.

Hawker Appointment

FOLLOWING the resignation of Mr. F. H. M. Lloyd from Hawker Aircraft, Ltd., Mr. W. Humble has been appointed to the position of sales manager of the company. Mr. Humble joined Hawkers as a test pilot in 1940 and became chief test pilot in January, 1946.

News in Brief

Harold L. Vanderbilt, of New York City, who already possesses an Executive Model DC-3 has ordered a Convair-Liner.

Mr. William Butlin, who is reputed to possess eight aircraft of his own, took off on June 13th by B.O.A.C. for a trip to inspect his hotel interests in Bermuda, Nassau and Miami.

The Right Honourable G. Strauss, Minister of Supply, paid a visit to the Glacier Metal Company at Alperton and addressed the workers. He commented on the fine spirit amongst the workers and the good managerial leadership.

The British Guiana and British West Indies sugar industry is planning to obtain from Britain a helicopter and pilot for the purpose of spraying insecticide on fields of sugar-cane which have been attacked by froghopper disease.

In an attempt to destroy Colorado beetles which are threatening to devastate the entire Northern Belgium potato crop, the Belgian government has requested the British authorities to send a helicopter to the areas affected. Six British Army flame-throwers have already been sent to Belgium to combat the pest.

Continental Guide

A USEFUL guidebook for Continental travellers by air has been produced by the *Evening News* in conjunction with B.E.A. Running commentaries of the various routes are printed and include itineraries and features of interest on these routes. Many of these are printed in two appropriate languages, for example, Lisbon to London in English and Spanish, Paris to London in French and English. The book is also illustrated with photographs of noteworthy landmarks.

Derby Show Programme

FURTHER details of the Derby air display, to be held on June 26th at Burnaston airfield, as announced in *Flight*, June 10th, have now been published. The programme begins with an inspection of a Guard of Honour drawn from the Derby Wing of the A.T.C. by Air Commodore B. V. Reynolds, C.B.E., A.O.C. No. 64 Group. The aircraft to be demonstrated include the Chrislea Super Ace, Miles M. 18, Desford Trainer, and a Miles Messenger. High-speed jet aircraft, including Gloster Meteor, the



TO DRAW THE CROWDS: The design which has won the premier award in a competition for posters publicising the S.B.A.C. Display and Exhibition at Farnborough. It is a combined effort of L. A. Kingsman and H. Revell, both of the Bristol Aeroplane Co. Ltd.